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SUBJ: 30TH UNGA: BANGLADESH POSITION ON KOREA

REFS: (A) DACCA 4767, (B) USUN 4345

1. FAKHRUDDIN AHMED COMMENTED REF (A), THAT
BDG ACTIONS IN SEPTEMBER 17 GENERAL COMMITTEE WERE NOT
IMPORTANT BECAUSE THEY WERE PROCEDURAL. IF THIS WAS HIS REAL
OPINION, IT DEMONSTRATES LACK OF KNOWLEDGE OF HOW THINGS
WORK, AT U.N. WHERE PROCEDURAL DECISIONS OFTEN DETERMINE
OR HEAVILY INFLUENCE SUBSTANCE.

2. THE FACTS AS CONTAINED IN REF (B) ARE THAT BDG
ABSTAINED ON EVEN INSCRIBING THE FRIENDLY RESOLUTION ON
KOREA ON THE AGENDA. AS IT WAS, OUR ITEM WAS INSCRIBED
BY ONLY ONE VOTE. IF WE HAD LOST, AN ITEM OF MAJOR
IMPORTANCE TO THE U. S. WOULD NOT EVEN HAVE BEEN CON-
SIDERED, SCARCELY A MERE PROCEDURAL MATTER. BDG HAD NO
SUCH QUALMS ABOUT THE HOSTILE RESOLUTION, WHICH IT
VOTED TO INSCRIBE. IF ONE WAS PROCEDURAL SO WAS THE OTHER.

3. TUNISIA'S MERGER PROPOSAL TO LIST OUR ITEM FIRST,
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AS JUSTIFIED UNDER NORMAL PROCEDURES DUE TO ITS PRIOR SUB-

MISSION TO SECRETARIAT, WAS NOT CARRIED BECAUSE OF A TIE VOTE. HERE BDG ABSTAINED AGAIN. THUS THE HOSTILE RESOLUTION IS NOW LISTED FIRST, A FACT WHICH HAS ERRONEOUSLY CONVINCED MANY DELEGATIONS THAT THE HOSTILE RESOLUTION NOW HAS VOTING PRIORITY. ADDITIONALLY, A PSYCHOLOGICAL MOMENTUM WAS ESTABLISHED TO OUR DETRIMENT. BDG ABSTAINED ON BOTH VOTES OF INTEREST TO US AND VOTED FOR THE HOSTILE RESOLUTION, THUS CONTRIBUTING IMPORTANTLY TO OUR PRESENT DETRIMENTAL SITUATION.

4. PRESUMABLY BDG HOPES THAT USG WILL VIEW SYMPATHETICALLY ISSUES WHICH BDG CONSIDERS IMPORTANT. BDG'S ACTIONS IN GENERAL COMMITTEE DO NOT INDICATE THAT IT AFFORDS SAME CONSIDERATION TO AN ITEM WHICH WE CONSIDER "VITAL" OR THAT IT UNDERSTANDS THAT ACTIONS IN UN DO NOT TAKE PLACE IN A VVCCUUM WITH NO EFFECT ON BILATERAL RELATIONS.

5. WE SUGGEST DEPARTMENT INSTRUCT DACCA TO SEE FAKHRUDDIN AGAIN TO EMPHASIZE THE FACTS ALONG THE ABOVE LINES. WE SHOULD ALSO ASK NOW THAT BDG DELEGATION BE INSTRUCTED TO VOTE IN FAVOR OF PRIORITY FOR OUR RESOLUTION ON KOREA WHEN THAT ISSUE COMES UP IN FIRST COMMITTEE POSSIBLY EARLY NEXT WEEK. SINCE OUR RES WAS SUBMITTED FIVE WEEKS AHEAD OF HOSTILE, IT CLEARLY DESERVES PRIORITY, AND BDG COULD THEREBY REPAIR SOME OF DAMAGE DONE BY ITS PERFORMANCE IN GENERAL COMMITTEE FAVORING THE HOSTILE SIDE.
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